September 24, 2007

City of Las Vegas Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor 400 East Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

RE: VAR-23575 - VARIANCE

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1072 W. Bartlett Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dear Mr. Goodman,

On September 13, 2007 the Planing Commission considered Ebenezer Church of God in Christ's request for a Variance to allow a freestanding institutional sign on its property located at 1072 West Bartlett Avenue (APN 139-21-501-003).

Ebenezer Church of God in Christ comes now to APPEAL the finding of the Planning Commission and to set forth the failure in the action administered by said commission to execute its judicious obligation to Ebenezer Church of God in Christ. But instead acted capriciously and with malice.

The City of Las Vegas and all of its agencies have the obligation to PROTECT the welfare and interest of its citizens and wherever possible foster their well being. The Planning Commission failed to exercise its mandated obligations in that:

- 1) Ebenezer has enjoyed the benefit of an industrial sign at this approximate location for ten (10) years; we believe therefor we should be able to continue displaying this sign.
- 2) The Reader Board faces the apartment complex to the west of the church site, all of the residents of this complex were polled and there were no negative responses (copy in file).

Let me refer you to the Planning Commission file for the September 13th meeting, take note of the BACKGROUND INFORMATION. Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, as it has evolved, began in January of 1965; the phenomenal edifice presently gracing this location represents an investment of 2.4 Million dollars by the Ebenezer membership. This investment represents our commitment to the City of Las Vegas and its residents.

Ebenezer occupies a unique position within the City of Las Vegas and this community (Vegas Heights), a fact underscored by the Planning Commission and the City Council throughout our long-standing relationship found in the Planning Commission record. It is the recognition of this unique position that paved the way, initially, for the Special Use allowances; today we stand as a Cornerstone for the future of the City of Las Vegas and this community (Vegas Heights), a Gateway to a new tomorrow, subsequently The sign requested must be considered within the unique scope we have operated since January 1965.

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